

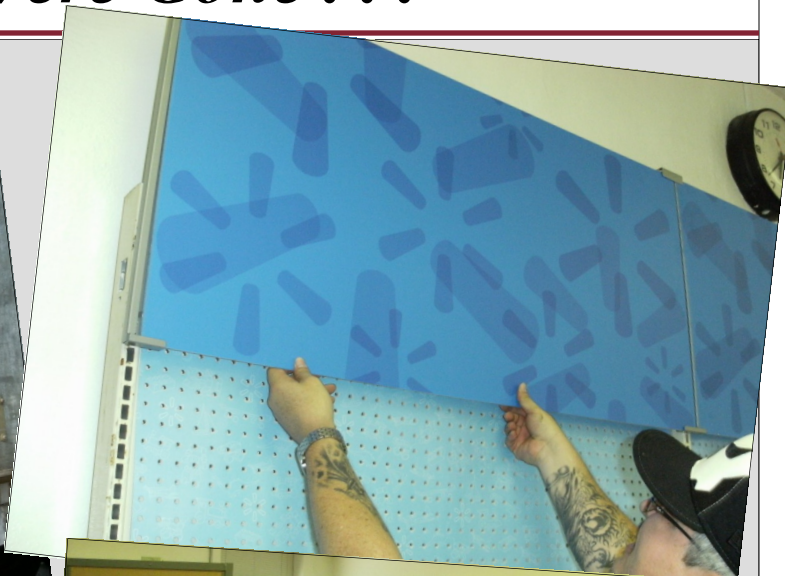
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While We Were Gone . . .



On one of the hottest days of one of the hottest summers on record Cliff Eckhoff and his team of helpers from Walmart remodeled MSB's Store. Ably assisted by Michael Deheer the group first removed all the old fixtures and mopped and painted the store. They then installed new shelving, decorative backing, coolers, counters and lunch booths. It looks fabulous - check it out!

We'd like to thank the Walmart makeover team (most of whom are posed at left): George, Scott, Terry, Shelly, Samantha, Chrissy, Todd, Joe, Andre, Michael, Doug, Rhonda, Chris, Frank, Richard, James and Cliff. **Thank You - You're the Best!**

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Users of the Missouri School for the Blind Library Media Center can now access the online catalogue through the internet.

To access go to: <https://msb.follettdestiny.com>. In the catalogue you can search by keyword, title, author, subject and series. This year the Library Media Center also has a subscription to "Titlepeek," in which the cover of the book is shown next to its record.

If you need help using the online catalogue, contact librarian Mary Dingus at 314-776-

4320, ext. 3257 or Mary.Dingus@msb.dese.mo.gov.

Deafblind Awareness Day

The St. Louis Deafblind Task Force presents Deafblind Awareness Day Thursday, Sept. 29 at St. Louis Society for the Blind, 8770 Manchester.

The program will last from 3-5 p.m. and will include the presentation of the Velazquez Service Award to David Ekin and a presentation by Susan Bonner and Mary Hale.

HONOR ROLL 4TH QUARTER, 2010-2011

GRADES K-6
ZYSHAUN CROSS-WILLIAMS
CODY GRISSOM TIONDRA POLLARD
JAMES RODGERS DIONNA TOWNES

GRADES 7-12
AMBER ATTAWAY MICHAEL BABUSA
COURTNEY BATY DAVID BROWN
BRECK CAMPBELL ALECIA CEASER
KENIA CAZARES JADE GRANTHAM
KATHRYN HURD TABITHA JENKINS
AMBER LACEY JILL MCBROOM
CAROLYN MCGHEE SAH'MARA PERRY-
LUCKETT ALEX RICHARDSON
JOSH STARNER ELLAUN WILLIAMS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Sucharski Honored as Pioneer in Education

James W. Sucharski, Ph.D., superintendent of Missouri School for the Blind from 2003-2010, was honored in July as one of five Pioneers in Education by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Dr. Sucharski, who now lives in Hillsboro, had a 39-year career in education, including service as superintendent of the Bismarck, Hillsboro and Bayless school districts. He helped pass bond issues and spearheaded school renovations for his dis-

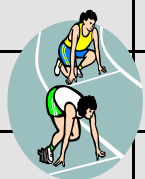


Dr. James Sucharski

tricts and led Bayless from near-unaccredited status to accreditation with distinction from 1996 to 2001. He continues to teach graduate education classes at Missouri Baptist University.

CALENDAR

Labor Day Holiday	Sept. 5
Classes Resume	Sept. 6
"Welcoming Students With VI to Your School" Outreach Training	Sept. 15
Track Meet at Tennessee	Sept. 16-18
Track Meet at Illinois	Sept. 22
INSITE Training	Sept. 30-Oct. 2
NCASB Track Championship-Indiana	Sept. 30-Oct. 2



Welcome to MSB!

Missouri School for the Blind extends a warm welcome to several new (and returning) staff members this year, along with congratulations to personnel who were promoted or moved to full time status.

Sandra Baker recently transferred from the Health Center to the Residential Division as a Residential Advisor II. Sandra has been an LPN at MSB since 2009. She received her certification from O'Fallon Technical School and has 20-plus years experience.

Cynthia Bradley-Sias is a new full-time Residential Advisor I. Cynthia is a graduate of Central High School and first joined MSB as a substitute in 1993. She has nearly 20 years' experience at MSB.

LaFonda Brown (photo not available) joins MSB as a Residential Advisor II. LaFonda attended Forest Park Community College and has held various supervisory positions in the St. Louis area.

MSB's new Guidance Counselor is **Kimberly Campbell**. Kim has a



Sandra Baker



Cynthia Bradley-Sias



Kimberly Campbell

masters degree in school and professional counseling from Lindenwood University, and several years experience with local social service agencies.

Congratulations are extended to **Marilyn Casimere**, who was recently promoted to Residential Advisor III. Marilyn's tenure at MSB began in 1984.

She is a graduate of Beaumont High School and attended Forest Park Community College.

Patricia Crowder returns to MSB this fall as Residential Advisor I. Pat had been evening front desk receptionist since 1990. She is a graduate of Soldan High School and a long-time employee of AT&T.

Barbara Griffin also

returns to MSB this fall as Elementary Resource Teacher. Barb taught at MSB from 1975-2005 and 2007-2010 and served as teacher-in-charge for

a substitute advisor at MSB since 2009. She is a graduate of Soldan High School.

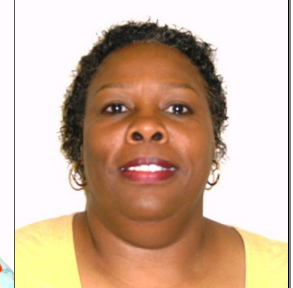
The new Food Service Manager at Missouri School for the Blind is **Marla Muhammad**. Marla is a professional chef and has worked for the St. Louis public school system as well as in restaurants and nursing homes. She is a graduate of L'Ecole Culinaire.



Marilyn Casimere



Patricia Crowder



Barbara Griffin

several years. She holds bachelors and masters degrees in education and received her VI certification from Lindenwood University.

Teresa Johnson is a new Residential Advisor I. Teresa has been

Shelly Williams joins MSB this fall as Residential Advisor I. Shelly worked at MSB from 1989-1992 and returned as a substitute in 2008. She is a graduate of Sumner High School and Missouri College.



Teresa Johnson



Marla Muhammad



Shelly Williams

Vision Walk Sept. 24

The fifth annual St. Louis Vision Walk, sponsored by the Foundation Fighting Blindness, will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, in Tower Grove Park.

Vision Walk is the signature fundraising event of the Foundation, and, since its inception in 2006, has raised more than \$17 million to fund sight-saving research.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Sept. 24 and the 5K walk starts at 10:30 a.m. All activi-

ties will be held at the Sons of Rest Pavilion near Grand Avenue at the East Gate.

Walk co-chairs are Leslie Morris and Laura Abrams. Honorary MC is Maurice Drummond, Sports Anchor, FOX News.

If you are interested you may walk as an individual, join a team or form your own team.

For more information go to www.blindness.org.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

25 YEARS

Marilyn Casimere Christina Klevorn

20 YEARS

Alfreda Burton Carla Howard-Owens
Denise Lowe Carl McElvaine
Melissa Moore Garrett Thurman

15 YEARS

Troy Brown Sandra Hall

10 YEARS

Shaughn Doyel William Peeple
Robin Pointer Margaret Winston

5 YEARS

Kathleen Kroon

CONGRATULATIONS!

Family Festival Sept. 17

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Delta Gamma Center for Children present Family Festival Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shaw Park in Clayton.

Activities will include

beep ball, magicians, music, interactive games, Fredbird and free food.

For more information go to: <http://slsbvi.org/100/FamilyFestival.aspx> or call Delta Gamma at 314-776-1300.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPT. 2	SHAOJUN CHEN
	MELISSA MOORE
SEPT. 6	LYNNIE MCELWEE
SEPT. 11	PRISCILLA ANDREWS
SEPT. 12	MARSHA BRYANT
	SUE BURLISON
SEPT. 13	JIM BAKER
SEPT. 14	CYNTHIA BRADLEY-SIAS
SEPT. 17	LARACHEL CARSON
SEPT. 18	BERNIE HUMPHREY
	JONETTE PARKER
SEPT. 20	LINDA ROSS
SEPT. 21	SANDRA BAKER
SEPT. 23	OPHELIA WOOD
SEPT. 24	TONNETTE FORD
	FARRAH STARKS
SEPT. 26	YVONNE ALI
	ERIC GIVANS
SEPT. 29	LINDA HAVLIK
SEPT. 30	MARILYN CASIMERE
	CARL MCELVAINE

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Free Kids Braille Books

Seedlings' "Book Angel Program" is open to all visually impaired children. To participate simply list four books from the Seedlings catalogue and you will receive two of them. To register fill out the online form found at www.seedlings.org/special.php. Click on "2011 Book Angel Program for V-I Children."

Both Print-Braille-&-Picture books and "Braille Only" books are available. For more information contact Debra Bonde, 800-777-8552.